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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 3, 2006, please amend the application as follows:

**Status** is on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments/Conclusion** begin on page 8 of this paper.